

CANADIANS ASKED TO HELP STARVING MILLIONS IN EUROPE

Cargo of Flour For Immediate Relief and Scheme of Credits For More Permanent Assistance—Thousands of People Have Died and Millions Will Die Unless Relief is Provided

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—(Canada Press).—Canada is invited to join in giving relief to the starving millions of Central Europe and Austria in particular, according to advices received by the Dominion Government. The situation is extremely grave. Women and children are dying of starvation. Already some hundreds and thousands of people have died, and unless relief is prompt, so stated advices, the toll of dead will run into millions.

In view of the situation, the British Government has invited Canada to join in relief work along two lines:

First: With a view to immediate relief, that Canada should send a cargo of wheat flour.

Second: With a view to placing assistance on a more permanent basis, that Canada, with the United States, should co-operate in a scheme of credits.

Both of these requests are now under consideration by the Cabinet.

PAPER MAKER DEFIES ORDERS PAPER CONTROLLER

Switch Torn Up So That Cars of Paper Can't Be Moved From Mill

Ottawa, Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—Probability that a number of daily newspapers in Western Canada would have to suspend publication for lack of newsprint developed into a practical certainty today, when the Fort Frances paper mill finally and absolutely defied the order of the Paper Controller, R. A. Pringle, according to the committee of publishers now in Ottawa.

Early in the day the paper controller representative at the mill, J. L. McNicol, in compliance with instructions from Ottawa, served notice on the Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company to resume shipments.

Failure to comply with this order, he declared his intention of commandeering enough paper to enable the Western papers to continue publication.

The mill refused to obey the order, whereupon the sheriff, who had been summoned to the scene with the Paper Controller's representative proceeded to effect a seizure, says a statement from the committee of publishers. E. W. Backus, president of the company, had instructed his employees to refuse admission to Mr. McNicol, by force, if necessary, but reports received late last night indicated that the seizure had been effected.

The seizure will not be effective in providing newsprint for the publishers, as the company had, in anticipation of this action by the Paper Controller, shipped every ton of paper to its customers in the United States, it is declared. To further complicate matters, to the detriment of the publishers, and to set at naught the action of the Paper Controller, the company tore up the switch by which cars are moved from the mill to the tracks of the Canadian National Railway.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE REFUSES TO REINSTATE SOCIALIST MEMBERS

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—The attempt to reinstate five suspended Socialist members of the Assembly failed, when the motion to reinstate them was lost 33 to 71.

KILLED IN MCINTYRE MINE

Schumacher, Ont., Jan. 13.—John Dolan was killed and another man injured in a fall of rock at the 1,100 foot level of the McIntyre mine Sunday night.

POLISH-RUSSIAN JEWS FEAR THE BOLSHEVIKI

Fifteen Thousand of These Refugees at Zmerinka In Pitiable Condition

Paris, Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—Polish Russian Jews are fleeing at the approach of Bolshevik bands between Kiev and Woloczys. At Zmerinka, there are some 15,000 of these refugees, who are in a pitiable condition. The same state of affairs exists at Oskifrow, where the inhabitants and officers of the Polish army are doing their best to care for the sufferers.

SMYRNA AND TURKISH EMPIRE INSEPARABLE

Declares Sultan of Turkey At Opening of Chamber of Deputies

Paris, Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—"Smyrna was declared inseparable from the Turkish Empire" in the Sultan's speech from the throne, delivered at the opening of the Chamber of Deputies on Monday.

Smyrna is now in the Greek zone of occupation.

CONVENTION HALL BADLY NEEDED IN THIS CITY

City Council To Consider This Question At One of Its Sessions

A convention hall for Brandon is to be one of the important questions taken up by the City Council at its first meeting. That this city is in great need of a convention hall was very apparent at the recent gathering of the United Farmers of Manitoba, and the Mayor and members of the Council are busy considering the ways and means for erecting an up-to-date hall for Brandon. Speaking on the subject this morning, Mayor Dinsdale said that if this city wants to hold the conventions here, it will have to move. It is his idea that the memorial to be erected to the heroes who fell in the Great War should take the form of a Memorial Hall, and this could be made to accommodate any number of visitors who came to this city for convention purposes.

It is also known that there will be strong representations made to have the old City Hall building torn down and a memorial building erected on the site which would also take care of the civic offices. One of the aldermen was looking over the proposition this morning and he stated that it would be an admirable proposition. He thought the cost of building a large convention hall on the City Hall site would probably be \$100,000.

At any rate, the matter of a convention hall for Brandon is to receive the close attention of the City Fathers when they meet next week and it is possible that a committee will be appointed to look into the feasibility of several plans which have been discussed already.

TO COMPLETE THE HUNGARIAN PEACE TREATY DETAILS

Paris, Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—Serious consideration was given by the Supreme Council this morning to a plan for the appointment of a committee of ambassadors to complete details for the presentation and signing of the Hungarian peace treaty and to carry through other unfinished business of the conference. The decision, however, to be left to the heads of the governments of the principal powers.

PROMINENT CALGARY MEN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING DRIVER

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 13.—Following the arrest of Tod Dillingham, a prominent baseball player, on a charge of assault, the police have arrested Gordon McTeer, son of one of Calgary's most prominent business men, and by these arrests, they believe they have cleared up the mystery surrounding the brutal assault committed on Walter Ashdown, taxi driver, on the McLeod trail five weeks ago, when he was beaten into unconsciousness and robbed.

The two youths were arraigned and the cases remanded. McTeer is on bail. He was captain of one of the rugby teams here, and a prominent athlete. The arrests have caused a sensation in the city.

CALDER MAY BE HEAD OF MILITIA DEPT.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—While not definitely announced, it is understood that present plans provide that Hon. J. A. Calder, who eventually take over the Department of Militia, from which Major-General Newburn has resigned. Mr. Calder is now Acting Minister of Militia.

SPANISH REDS ARRESTED WHEN PLOT LEAKS OUT

Systematic Search of Homes and Offices of Anarchists—Literature Seized

BOMBS AND RIFLES

Discovered During Search—Anarchist Newspapers Suspended—Bomb Outrage

Madrid, Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—Many extremists were arrested here yesterday following the discovery of a plot to terrorize the capital with bombs. Terrorist attacks were made Saturday at Oviedo and Valencia. At Oviedo, a bomb was placed in a residence, but no one was injured. At Valencia, persons attacked on the street were saved through the intervention of the police.

The police have begun a systematic search of homes and offices of anarchists, seizing literature. Bombs and rifles were also discovered. Anarchist newspapers are suspended.

ELTON COUNCIL MEETS AT FORREST

J. M. Allan Appointed Secretary Treasurer—New Members Sign Declaration

Although the attendance was not as large as usual much business was transacted on Monday at a meeting of the Elton Council held in Forrest. Those present were Reeve W. Davidson, D. Forsyth, A. M. Roberts, C. E. McDougall, and the Secretary-Treasurer, J. M. Allan.

After the newly elected members had signed the declaration, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were adopted. Communications were read from George H. Prout, Winnipeg, inviting the members of the Council to the Convention of the Rural Credit Society, which commences today; H. S. W. Clark, a returned soldier, requesting a refund of taxes; and from Robert Law, applying for an award of fifty dollars.

The following motions were made at this meeting:

Robertson-McDougall.—That the Secretary be requested to get information regarding Northeast 22-12-19 and report at next meeting.

Forsyth-Robertson.—That the Secretary is hereby authorized to issue a check for fifty dollars to Robert Law as per motion, May 28th, 1918.

McDougall-Robertson.—That Dr. J. H. Edmonson of Brandon, be appointed as Health Officer of the Municipality.

Robertson-Forsyth.—That the appointment of J. M. Allan as Secretary-Treasurer be confirmed.

McDougall-Robertson.—That each Councillor be hereby appointed Rural Commissioner for his respective ward.

Forsyth-McDougall.—That the financial statement of the Secretary-Treasurer for the month of December, be accepted.

Robertson-McDougall.—That W. Davidson and D. Forsyth be appointed to represent the municipality to the meetings of the Brandon District Rest Room Association.

Accounts amounting to \$154 were ordered paid. Reeve Davidson was appointed to represent the Council at the Rural Credits Convention, but he will be unable to attend.

WOOD DENIES RUMOR

Washington, Jan. 13.—Major-General Leonard Wood declared that reports that he would retire from the army to conduct a campaign for the Republican presidential nomination were untrue and unauthorized.

CASSIDY BREAKS NEW GROUND IN HIS STATEMENT

Of the Duties of a Judge In Instructing Jury On Points of Law

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—That in his statement of the duties of a judge in instructing the jury on points of law in a trial of sedition conspiracy, Robert Cassidy, K.C., had broken new ground, so far as the Court of Appeal of Manitoba was concerned, was the general opinion expressed by the learned judges of this court today.

The points that remain to be argued in the reserve case are only of minor importance. All signs point to the conclusion of the argument by the defence tomorrow. The case for the Crown will then be argued. Although it is expected that the court will not require argument from the Crown on many of the points in the case.

NORRIS CABINET REFUSES BONUS TO CIVIL SERVANTS

May Adopt a System of Group Insurance Covering All Employees

Winnipeg, Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—Announcement is made that the Provincial Government has declined to grant the bonus aggregating \$300,000 asked by the Manitoba Civil Servants Association. The Association learns that a recommendation has been made to the Cabinet to adopt group insurance covering all employees.

CONSTANTINOPLE MAY REMAIN A TURKISH CITY

Provided Important Administrative Reforms Demanded Are Granted

Paris, Jan. 13.—In the settlement of the Turkish problem, it has been already decided that the Turks will be left in Constantinople, probably with full sovereignty, but after important concessions have been made in the way of administrative reforms, according to the opinion of persons in close touch with the conference of premiers in session here.

The three premiers—Clemenceau, of France; Lloyd George, of Great Britain; and Nitti, of Italy—met again Monday in continuation of their conference on both the Adriatic and Turkish questions, and the latter is supposed to have been uppermost in their deliberations. Their meeting, however, was surrounded by an almost impenetrable veil of secrecy.

Greece, while preferring to see the Turks entirely ousted from Europe, appear to be concentrating their efforts to secure Eastern Thrace as far as the Enos-Midia line.

RAPID PROGRESS COUNTY COURT

Seven Cases on the List May All Be Completed By Wednesday

The County Court opened this morning with His Honor Judge Cumberland presiding and rapid progress is being made. Seven cases in all are on the list but it is expected that the session will be finished Wednesday if the rate of progress made this morning is maintained. His Honor reserved decision in the Sutherland & Robertson vs. Jeffries case. The amount claimed by the plaintiffs was \$66.16 and this amount was disputed by Jeffries. Considerable evidence was taken and at its conclusion Judge Cumberland announced that he would give his opinion later. The case of Manitoba Engines Ltd. vs. Blight was heard the first thing this afternoon and a start is being made on the third case on the docket, that of Jasper vs. Miller.

POSTCARD SHOWER FOR PREMIER NORRIS

Asking Immediate Provision For Care of the Feeble-Minded

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—Acting on invitation of the Women's Council of Winnipeg, all the women in Manitoba are being asked to take part in the postcard shower to the Premier and members of the Provincial Government urging the "immediate provision of an institution for the care of the feeble minded."

The Women's section of the United Farmers are among the strong organizations giving their support to the movement.

REGINA TO HAVE HOSTEL FOR BRITISH WOMEN IMMIGRANTS

Regina, Sask., Jan. 13.—The Saskatchewan representative of the Council of Immigration is Mrs. Dredge Jones. She will attend the meeting of the Council in Ottawa this week. A hostel has been secured in this city as headquarters for British women immigrants coming to Saskatchewan.

GERMANY MUST PAY DEBTS TO ALLIES

CORONER'S JURIES AND INQUESTS TO BE ABOLISHED

Attorney General Raney and Others In Ontario Agree On This Action

Toronto, Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—A move to do away with coroner's juries and inquests was agreed upon at a conference between Attorney-General Raney and others. Legislation will have to be secured for this.

RED CROSS TO LAUNCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EARLY IN THE SPRING

The meeting of the Red Cross Society held Monday afternoon in the Council Chamber of the City Hall was very well attended. From the reports given it was evident that the newly appointed District Nurse, Miss McLeod, was badly needed in this city and is accomplishing a splendid work. Since her appointment she has visited sixty-seven families and is kept so busy that it is impossible for her to visit all the places where she is needed. The Red Cross have been hoping to have a second nurse commence work in Brandon in conjunction with the Provincial Public Health Department, but as the need is proving great it may be necessary to obtain a third nurse to carry on the work, so that all cases may be cared for.

Letters were read expressing the appreciation of the soldiers at Nette Sanatorium for the Christmas treat and socks sent by the Society. A report was also made by Mrs. A. B. Fleming concerning the treat sent to the soldiers at the Brandon General Hospital. Plans were discussed at this meeting to have small entertainments at the Hospital for the soldiers, and to have a Christmas party for them.

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It was decided at this meeting to launch a membership campaign early in the Spring, the exact date of which will be announced later.

CURB OUTBREAK OF CRIME IN OLD ONTARIO

Justice Middleton Alarmed At the Huge Increase In Jail Population

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—Alarmed at the huge increase in the jail population, Justice Middleton in a charge to the Grand Jury said, if they could suggest anything to curb the outbreak of crime it was their duty to do so.

CAN'T REFUSE TO ACCEPT CANADIAN MONEY ON M. C. TRAINS IN CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—Michigan Central Railroad must accept Canadian money at par on sleepers and diners while the train are on Canadian territory, ordered Hon. Frank Carvell, Chairman of the Railway Commission. The company says refusal to do this was a mistake which will be promptly rectified.

ALBERTA TO CARE FOR ALL MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN

Site Purchased Close To Edmonton—\$90,000 To Be Spent on Building

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 13.—The Government of Alberta has purchased a site close to Edmonton for the sum of \$90,000 on which will be erected an institution for the care of mentally defective children.

The work will be begun at once, the plans calling for accommodation for 350.

AGAINST NATURALIZATION OF MANY UNDESIRABLES

Sydney, N.S., Jan. 13.—Prompt action will be taken by the Glace Bay Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association to prevent the naturalization of alien enemies and undesirables in Cape Breton county.

Until Amount of Reparation Payments Is Fixed, Payments To Be Made on Account

Paris, Jan. 13 (Canadian Press).—The opening on Saturday of the period during which Germany must pay debts to the Allies, is announced and the Commission on Reparation must fix the amount due by Germany before May 1st, 1921. In the meantime, the Commission will see that Germany carries out its obligations. Until the amount of reparation payments has been fixed, Germany will have to deposit twenty billion marks in gold, or its equivalent in material, ships, securities and coal. As acknowledgment of, and in security for the portion of the debt which is payable immediately, the German Government will be forced to hand over gold bonds representing the full amount. In addition to this, a sum of 40,000,000,000 in gold bonds immediately negotiable, will be exacted and another sum of 40,000,000,000 in gold bonds which the Commission will negotiate only as it shall consider the financial condition of Germany will warrant.

MONTREAL FIREMEN WILL NOT STRIKE

Union Has Accepted Terms Offered By City and Men Will Not Strike

Montreal, Que., Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press).—If a strike is called here in sympathy with the Waterworks employees, the Montreal firemen will not join it, was the statement made by the Firemen's Union officials. "The Union accepted the terms of the city, and we are men of honor and will not strike," one official stated.

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Although the Winnipeg newspapers have pooled their supplies in order that they may continue publication as long as possible, they may be forced to suspend publication Wednesday or Thursday of this week, owing to the newsprint shortage. The shortage is acute and there was just enough paper on Monday to print two more issues of the Winnipeg newspapers. This supply may be by the most rigid economy, stretched to permit the issue of a limited number of pages for three days. At the end of that time if there is no relief the Winnipeg papers will be forced to suspend issue.

Action has been taken by R. A. Pringle, Paper Controller at Ottawa, who wired the Fort Frances mill instructions to supply the Western Canadian daily newspaper customers at the rate of 1,306 tons a month, beginning December 24th. Mr. Pringle ordered that shipments commence at once on this basis, otherwise he would instruct the Commissioner of Customs to place an embargo on paper and stated that he would also commandeer supplies. All the daily newspapers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan get their supplies of paper from the paper mill at Fort Frances, Ont., owned by the Fort Frances Pulp & Paper Company Limited. No other source of supply is open to them. Their total consumption exceeds in considerable degree the quota of 15 per cent. of its rated capacity which the Fort Frances mill, in common with all other Canadian mills, is obliged to set apart for Canadian consumption; and this has involved adjustments with mills in Eastern Canada which supply less than their quota. Controversies and disputes (with which the Western publishers have nothing directly to do) have led to such serious restrictions in shipments by the Fort Frances mill as to put all their Western Canadian customers in peril.

MINE OPERATORS CENTRAL FIELD TO ACCEPT AWARD

Brought In By Commission, No Matter What the Terms Are

Washington, Jan. 13. (Canadian Press).—Mine operators in the Central competitive field, today, told the Commission named to settle the bituminous coal strike that they would accept without a strike reservation any award the Commission might make.